

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ROSA MARIA CABRERA THOMPSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, a public  
school district in the State of Washington,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:25-cv-00468-TL

ORDER ON DOCKET FILINGS


This matter is before the Court on its own motion. On April 5, 2025, Plaintiff Rosa Maria Cabrera Thompson, proceeding *pro se* (without an attorney), filed nine “exhibits” on the docket, comprising some 56 pages of miscellaneous documents. *See* Dkt. Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. Each submission has been filed individually, without explanation and without reference to any other papers filed with the Court.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7 contemplates two types of filings—pleadings and motions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 7. In general, a pleading is a complaint or an answer to a complaint (*see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(a)), and a motion is a request for a court order (*see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(b)).

1 Documents that do not fall into one of these two categories should not be filed on the docket,  
2 unless the Court has expressly requested it. *See Chang v. Vanderwielen*, No. C22-13, 2022 WL  
3 2871577, at \*1 n.1 (W.D. Wash. July 21, 2022) (advising plaintiff to “refrain from submitting  
4 documents or other filings neither requested by the Court, nor allowed under the Court’s rules,”  
5 and refusing to consider “other extraneous filings”).

6 Accordingly, Docket Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 are STRICKEN from the  
7 docket. As Plaintiff is not an attorney, the Court advises her that going forward, she should not  
8 file any documents on the docket unless they are pleadings or motions.

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11 Dated this 8th day of April 2025.

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